

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Harford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME				
COMMON: "D. H. Springhouse"				
AND/OR HISTORIC: D. H. Springhouse				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Allibone Road Northeast side of Sandy Hook Road, about 0.6 miles north of				
CITY OR TOWN: Street				
STATE Maryland		CODE 24	COUNTY: Harford	CODE 025
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) household utility (abandoned)	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Coy D. Tharpe and H. H. Green				
STREET AND NUMBER: Tharpe and Green Mill				
CITY OR TOWN: Churchville		STATE: Maryland		CODE 24
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Harford County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 South Main Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air		STATE: Maryland		CODE 24
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		CODE 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The balanced lines of the D. H. Springhouse, a little grey stone building set into the base of a steep hill, attract the eye at first glance, and then several exceptional details, one by one, hold the attention.

This is a stone springhouse with a schoolroom above, sixteen feet six inches by twenty-three feet, with one narrow wall set into the bank over several fresh springs. It measures two bays by one. The A-roof ridgeline runs east-west.

The quality of stonemasonry is notable. All corner stones and all stones facing west, south, and east, are perfect ashlar, precisely cut rectangles smoothly finished on all six sides. Even courses fit the quoins. Lintels and sills bear traces of finely-notched chisel lines, parallel or radiating to a perfect curve at each end.

Entry to the schoolroom is through a wide doorway a few steps above the high ground at the west wall. Two windows with pegged oak frames, double hung, six lights over six, are located in the north and south walls. Shutter hinges and hooks are still in place.

Entry to the springhouse below is through a wide round arch in the south wall, made of nine stones, four on each side of the perfect keystone. On this level there are two rooms. The first, smaller, is the churn room with a small fireplace in the northwest corner, used to keep the butter and cheese warm enough in winter.

The springhouse, about fourteen feet square, had underwater shelves of stone on which crocks of milk and cream were set. Here the swirling springwater kept them cool but above freezing. Dairy products and meats and other perishable foods for the family and some of the young livestock were kept for a day or so this way.

Features of the stonemasonry skill include three window lintels with a rams-horn pattern finely etched with radiating chisel lines. The east end wall has a large stone plaque with scrolls and columns in low relief around a raised oval, gracefully inscribed "D. H. 1816." The peak of the east wall is topped with a square stone base that supports a tapering four-sided arm under a tiny Ionic capitol. The capitol supports a one-inch cube centered under a perfect sphere which measures about six inches in diameter. All of this is formed from a single stone.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1816

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☒ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☒ Other (Specify)householdutility

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Primarily interesting because of its extraordinarily fine craftsmanship, the D. H. Springhouse has several other points of interest.

The owner of the remote farm on which the springhouse was built was Judge William Smithson who thirty years earlier, in 1775, had been a signer of the famous Bush River Declaration, prototype of the Declaration of Independence. Smithson was a Lord Justice of the Court in Harford Town in 1780 and served many sessions as justice of the Circuit Court in Bel Air until 1801.

There is an unresolved mystery surrounding the craftsman-architect-stonemason who built the springhouse. Two sources say that his initials were "D. H.," the letters that are carved on a plaque on the east wall of the springhouse. A third source gives him another name and no explanation of the inscription. A former owner who knew several of Smithson's descendants says that "D. H." was David Holland, a man fanatically devoted to his craft. He denies the legend that Holland was an alcoholic who worked only for an unstinted supply of cider. The historian William Stump Forwood wrote in 1879 that he knew of a David Hopkins who, according to him, built many of the fine Stump-family houses at Rock Run, Stafford, and Darlington, before working on the D. H. Springhouse. Forwood terms this latter building "[Hopkins'] monument . . . [a] beautiful piece of stonecutting known far and near . . . [which] bears the initials of the builder and the date of its construction."

A springhouse has interest as an element of country living on a comfortable if not luxurious scale and as a combination of utilitarian architecture and natural beauty. This particular springhouse is a superb little building of excellent craftsmanship, contrasting dramatically with its isolated setting.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Paul B. Harlon, at Churchville, October 14, 1971.

Forwood, William Stump. "Homes on Deer Creek." Article 1 of 5 in a series in the newspaper, Aegis-Intelligencer, Bel Air, Maryland. December 19, 1879.

List of deeds traced in Harford County Land Records by Jean Ewing, Maryland Historical Trust, November 1971.

[see continuation sheet]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	39°	37'	17"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	76°	18'	41"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Jean Ewing, Field Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July 5, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CODE

24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date July 10, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Form 10-300a
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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"D. H. Springhouse"

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Preston Walter W. History of Harford County. Baltimore: Sun
Book Office, 1901. pp. 219-221.

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STATE:	
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1. NAME							
COMMON: <u>D. H. Stone Springhouse</u>							
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Bald Hill Farm</u> and <u>Schoolhouse</u> <u>David Hollander Spring house</u>							
2. LOCATION							
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>North side of Sandy Hook Road about 0.5 mi north of</u>							
CITY OR TOWN: <u>near Hickory</u> <u>Alibone Road</u>							
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		CODE:	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>				
3. CLASSIFICATION							
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>		Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>		Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
						No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>		Government <input type="checkbox"/>		Park <input type="checkbox"/>		Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>		Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>		Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>		Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>		Military <input type="checkbox"/>		Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>		Museum <input type="checkbox"/>		Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		<u>Springhouse & Schoolhouse</u>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY							
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Mr Coy Tharpe and Mr Harry Green</u>							
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Tharpe & Green Mill</u>							
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Churchville</u>				STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		CODE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION							
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Clerk of the Circuit Court</u>							
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Harford County Courthouse</u> <u>40 S. Main St</u>							
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air</u>				STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		CODE:	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:							
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS							
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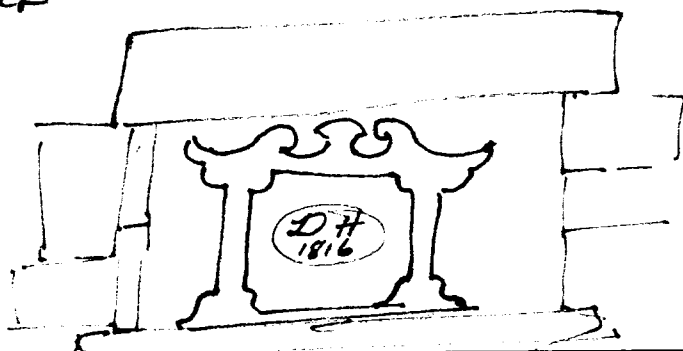
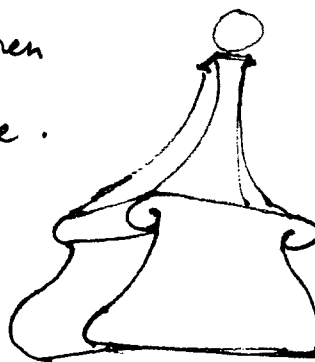
7. DESCRIPTION

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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Unique stone-carving on the little
~~the~~ stone springhouse with a school room
 over it, (used now to store grain) Remarkable
 stone-carving for such a small building
 in rural area, legend ~~It~~
 gives this building special interest.
 It faces south west, ^{steep} slate roof/ridge line
 runs NW ~~to~~ SE. Finished granite
 throughout, the SE facade has a
 finial at the peak with a ball on a
 high pedestal as shown
 resting on an ionic base.

Below this a recessed
 tablet surrounds an
 oval inscribed with
 the initials D H
 over the date 1816
 Other stonework



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Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☒architectureCommerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Remarkable stone-cutting on a rural
outbuilding - Legends about its origin include
the story that "D.H." was an alcoholic craftsman
and was paid in cider for his labors.

includes two ^{huge} carved lintels
for large windows to the springhouse
and two large key stone lintels
for windows on the northeast side. A
small fireplace is ~~on~~ the lower level
(outside the springhouse door) inside
a ~~basin~~ arch.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>K. Syrip</i>	
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Nov '69</i>
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>50 State Circle</i>	
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Md</i> CODE:

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NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Lanny

Here are 13 more slides of HA 44
the D H Spring house.

According to Paul Harlan who
bought the farm from the
Webster family and sold to the
present owner Coy Tharpe, D.H.
was David Holland who worked
for the Websters (- for "Greek Web"
Webster, not "Fat Web", his first cousin!)
The room above is the old
Webster family schoolroom. There
is a fire place on the lower
level... I thought that slide was
of Annapolis.

David Holland carved and assembled
a mounting block that I must get
listed too.

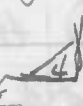

Two slides are at Annapolis (MHT)
a distance shot of the site, setting, (A)
and a detail of carving in that
east gable. (B). I suggest you

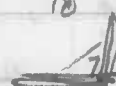
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Note the narrow base to that

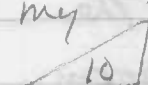
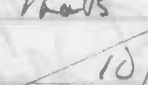
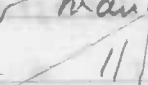
Mr. Ridout

HA-44

office which is all one piece with
the large peak stone.  Note
deterioration of wood work and
dislocation of stones .

The floor of the school room should
show to be fallen in near the
door .

That is a great arch
in  and the turtel is beautiful.

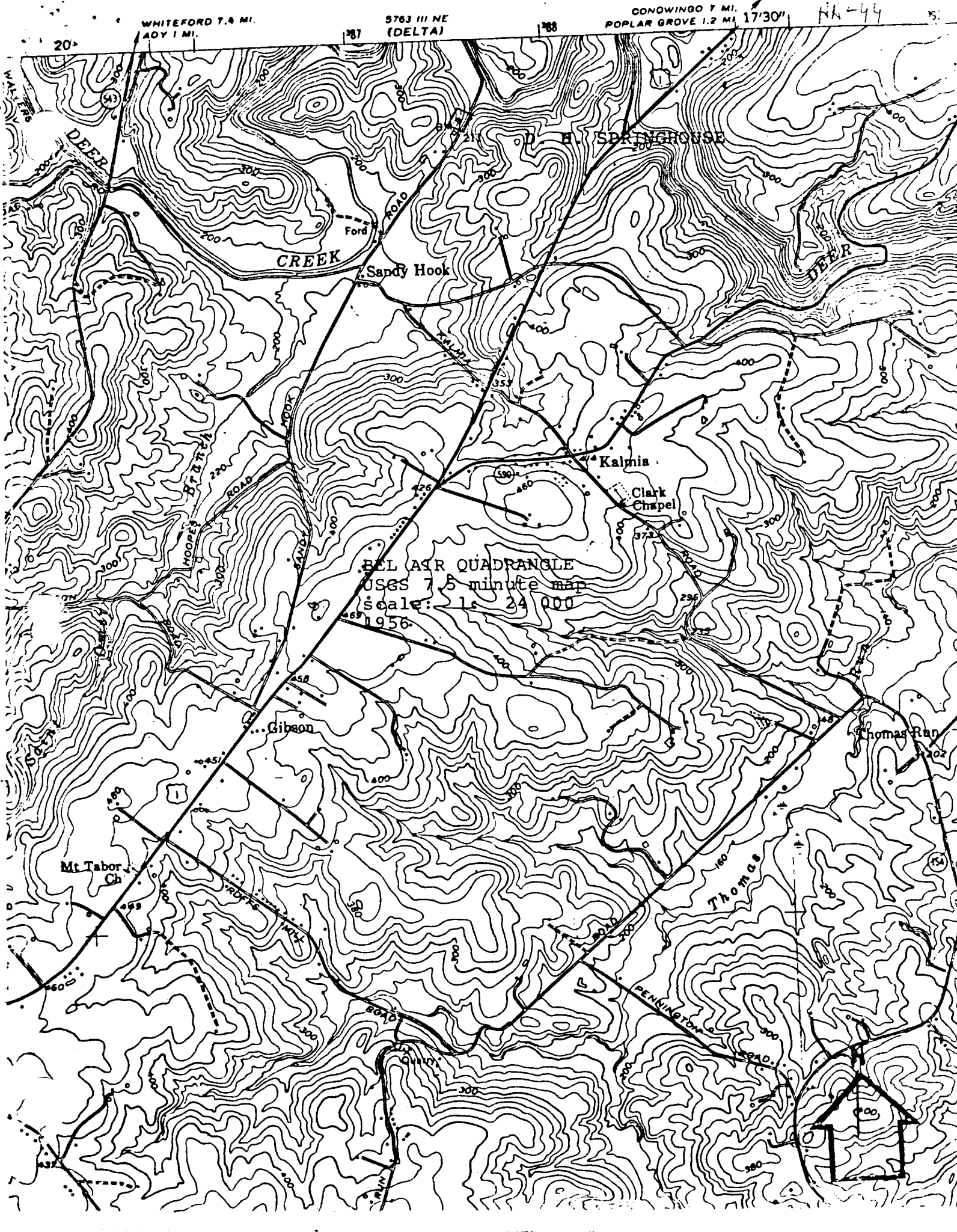
The fireplace was in the corner
beside my right elbow when I
took . That's how many
below the ice in  & .

but the spring is a beauty.

The dark slides come up
all right in the projector. don't
worry

Thanks for promoting Har/ad
County for us!

Jean



WHITEFORD 7.4 MI.
40° 1 MI.

5763 III NE
(DELTA)

CONOWINGO 7 MI.
POPLAR GROVE 1.2 MI. 17° 30'

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BEL AIR QUADRANGLE
USES 7.5 minute map
scale: 1:24,000
1956

Mt. Tabor
Ch.

Thomas Run

A



P.H. Springhouse HA-44

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